, PHOSPHATE AND PHOSPHATIC FERTILIZERS MANUFACTURING PROCESS

BACKGROUND:

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Phosphoric acid is the backbone of all phosphate fertilizers and the production of phosphoric acid is the first step.

Phosphoric acid is produced by what is known as the wet process, in which sulfuric acid is added to the rock. This process is called the wet process(es). The wet processes include the dehydrate and the hemihydrate processes (hydrates of gypsum). All the wet processes are energy intensive and polluting to the environment. Typically, the wet process phosphoric chemical complex requires from one hundred to three hundred acres of acid ponds.

The new process overcomes this problem.

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In the new invention, the P205 (phosphorus pentoxide) is produced from the phosphate rocks through a gas solid reaction (no water, no acid solution(s) is required). This is accomplished by treating the rocks with acid gases. (Example: S03 - sulfur trioxide) in any gas phase reactor. (Example: tranflow reactor). The reaction products will include P205 in the gas phase and calcium sulphate in the solid phase. P205 can be recovered by absorption by acid/chemical solutions, or any other recovery means, depending on the final product desired.

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The new invention is a:

- 1) Process in which acid gases are utilized to produce P205 from phosphate rocks.
- 2) In the new invention/process, the produced P205 can be recovered by phosphoric acid solution.
- In the new invention, the produced P205 can be recovered by water or a chemical solution containing other fertilizers, and/or animal feed supplement chemicals.

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